Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 03 May 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 04 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 02 May 2023 at 15:05 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for mostly dry conditions on Wednesday morning but lower confidence for details of light rain moving north. High for very windy conditions on the tops on Thursday then more showery conditions from Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 03 May 2023: Dry morning but some light rain spreading north. Light winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 03 May 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	<05%	10%	20%	30%	60%	50%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 03 May 2023

Weather: Clear spells overnight and becoming chilly in the glens. A mainly dry and bright morning but cloud increasing with some rain reaching Skye and Knoydart in the morning before then spreading north through the afternoon but mainly light in nature. Drier conditions arriving from the south during the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%. Cloud mainly above the tops.

Low cloud and visibility: Mainly good visibility but becoming hazy as rain arrives, dropping below 10km at times. Some patchy cloud and fog above about 900m.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	14/18 SE	11/14 SE	11/14 SE	10/13 SE	11/15 SE	11/15 SE	12/17 E	13/19 E	13/19 E
900	14/18 SE	11/14 SE	11/14 SE	10/13 SE	10/14 SE	10/15 SE	12/17 E	13/19 E	13/20 E
600	12/16 SE	9/12 SE	8/11 SE	8/11 SE	7/11 SE	9/13 SE	10/15 E	12/18 E	11/18 E
300	7/13 E	6/10 E	7/11 E	5/8 E	2/8 SE	3/9 SE	5/13 E	8/15 E	7/16 E
Glen	10/14 E	8/11 E	8/12 E	5/9 E	4/7 SE	5/9 SE	8/13 E	10/15 E	10/15 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-2	3/-1	3/-0	5/2	6/2	6/2	5/2	5/1	4/0
900	3/-2	3/-0	4/0	6/2	6/3	6/3	6/2	5/2	5/1
600	6/2	6/3	6/4	8/6	9/7	9/6	8/6	8/5	8/4
300	5/3	5/3	6/3	9/8	11/10	11/10	10/8	8/6	8/6
Glen	9/6	9/7	9/7	12/11	13/13	13/12	13/11	12/10	11/9
Freezing Level*	1700m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Generally good hill walking conditions with light winds and good visibility but rather cloudy with some rain spreading north.

Forecast for Thursday 04 May 2023
Weather: Rain clearing north then a dry day with bright or sunny spells. The strong and gusty southeasterly winds will be the main feature, especially on high exposed ridges and plateau, with sudden downslope gusts possible to the lee of high ground.

Maximum wind: East or Southeast 20mph increasing to 30 to 40mph with gusts of 50 to 60mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%.

Low cloud and visibility: Good visibility with cloud above the summits. Patchy low cloud in the north at first.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 10C rising to 13C, locally 16C in the west.
At 800m: Plus 6C rising to 9C.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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